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**Subject:** Ameren Labadie SO2 Boundary Recommendation - Public Comment

I am writing to ask you to prioritize the safety of the public over convenience of the utility, Ameren MO. As you know the Labadie Power Plant is the largest emitter of SO2 and other air toxics in MO/Metro STL region. We need you to protect us by ensuring that the boundary designation is non-attainment so that a clean-up plan can be implemented.

Our family, my neighbors and their businesses have waited decades for scrubbers on the Labadie Power Plant. We have experienced dark soot on our buildings, businesses, outdoor furniture, etc. that suggests we have been exposed to air pollution that should have been contained. Now we have learned that there is small particulate pollution, SO2, mercury, etc., etc. in these same emissions that we cannot see.

My family lives and owns property within a 5 mile radius of the power plant. We have been here for 5 generations. Our family and future generations are depending on you doing the right thing. Ameren should not be allowed to emit 30,000+ tons of SO2 each year into the air we breathe and into the communities in which we work and live. My sister has 2 young children that attend a school within said radius. There are 3 elementary schools very close to the plant and within the designated boundary being proposed (Labadie, St. Albans, Augusta).

I am President of a all volunteer, community organization founded in 2009 that has educated and empowered communities and individuals to speak out in support of clean air and clean water protections. Our neighbors and members have spoken at hearings and attended informational meetings on SO2. I am hopeful that you are hearing from them on this issue. These are the people that should be first in your mind as you make this decision, regardless of what MACC might recommend. We are hopeful that MACC/MODNR has heard our concerns and will recommend Option 1: Non-attainment at the hearing of the MACC on Sept 24th in St. Louis. If not, we need you to act on our behalf.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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